







### A New Enterprise For Poor Girls

*Editor's Record:*

Having been at the head of female colleges in Mississippi for fourteen years I have come in contact with the people of many sections in such a way as to learn much of their needs and desires with special reference to the education of their daughters. The desire to educate them is increasing in earnestness, and spreading in extent very greatly. Hundreds of our people in the villages and back in the country are burdened with intense solicitude on the subject. And the girls themselves are no less anxious to receive a higher education. Much of the best talent and many of the finest characters are found among families of very moderate means. Many of these girls are anxious for an education, that they are willing to supplement what few dollars they can raise with personal labor, that they may attend college.

For some time in the past arrangements have been made at some of our colleges and universities for the very cheapest possible boarding of boys. This has been the means by which a great many splendid boys have received their education, who otherwise would have remained in comparative ignorance. The "Students' Hotel," "the Students' Cottage," and the "Moss Club," systems for boys have proven practicable and successful. Why not something of the kind for girls? I receive a number of letters every summer like the following:

Rev. L. M. STONE,

Dear Sir:

I am wishing to go to school, was advised by Bro. —— to write to you and tell you my condition, am a poor girl trying to educate myself by the help of my own hands, and the help of God. I cannot raise more than \$75. if by any means can get through a session, please write and let me know. Please write as soon as you receive this as I am trying to get off to school, if fall at one place I shall try somewhere else and not be discouraged.

Most truly yours,

This is but a sample of many I receive. Some wish to do any sort of house-work to help pay their board. I have had my dining room work for three years done by two young ladies for their board. They have made fine students, standing well with all. Now then, I propose, with the advice and cooperation of the ladies of Shreveport to ask 2,000 women of our State for one dollar each, with which to erect a Boarding Home for poor girls, which will be given to them free of rent. They will board themselves, do their own work by details, and thus reduce the expense to the actual cost of the provisions. The home will be near the college under the care and discipline of the college, with a good matron in charge.

A board of admission, composed of three ladies and two men, will be appointed, who will consider and act upon applications for admission into the home, so that only those who are worthy and able to pay regular board and tuition fees for college will be admitted.

This home will be decided to a Board of Trustees, as the boarding home for poor girls, to be used for this purpose for all time to come. Tuition in the college will be given to those who are admitted.

I wish to get some good lady who feels a lagging interest in this class of our daughters to get us organized in every neighborhood and town in the state. By applying to me, blanks for subscriptions will be furnished, we asking one dollar from each lady, but any one may give more, also any gentleman may contribute what he will for the laudable end. A list of all contributions will be preserved by the board of trustees. As this is a new departure in the interest of our poor young women, and one too that is both desirable and practicable, I feel assured that those more fortunate sisters all over the state will take hold and lend their liberal aid.

All papers friendly to the enter-prise will please publish this, or such parts of it as will put it before the people. Monies may be sent to us by post office orders, registered letters or drafts. Acknowledgments of all sums will be made.

L. M. STONE, President,  
Shreveport Female College.

New from the Churches.

REVEREND MR. JONES, July 21, 1889.—An association of several societies, headed by Bro. B. N. Hatch, of this church, has recently been organized. The local unit was evidently with the cause of temperance, and the name of Temperance Society of Bro. Hatch's congregation, is now adopted.

At the first meeting, held on Saturday evening, the members of the church were present in large numbers.

The speaker, Mr. C. W. Jones, of Meridian, delivered a powerful sermon on the subject of temperance.

The association has been organized in a meeting in Alabama returned in time to fill his pulpit Sunday morning. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather he had nearly a house full out of night services.

There is still more religious interest in the congregation. The prayer meetings are well attended, and the membership still increasing, though some need to be received, as is usually the case after large gatherings.

The entire Baptist brotherhood of the city is fast becoming a unit in denominational work. Brethren are beginning to understand each other better. There is to be a forward movement all along the line. New interests will be started, strengthened and sustained in localities where they are needed. It is evident that the people have a mind to work, and if there are not four more white churches in the city in less than four years we shall be disappointed.

That Ministry and Deacons meet, is not to be a myth. Unless providentially prevented it will be organized in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church, Thursday, August 1st ensuing. All who feel an interest in the general welfare of our denomination are cordially invited to attend. Let us meet and consult and form a bond of union to press forward and occupy, as the Lord has commanded.

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